for the amount mentioned against each:—

Lending agency	Amount of loan
1. KFW, West Germany	US $ 250.00 million
2. Syndicate of 12 Japanese Banks	US $ 200.00 million
3. Industrial Bank of Japan	US $ 50.00 million
4. Export Development Corpn., Canada	US $ 12.60 million
5. Export Import Bank of US	US $ 3.47 million
TOTAL	US $ 516.07 million

(c) The routes and services to be operated by Airbus A-320 aircraft are yet to be determined.

Discussion of Afghan Situation with British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

842. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sir Goofirey Howe visited India and Pakistan recently in order to make an assessment of the Afghan situation arising from attacks by the Afghan Mujahideens backed by Pak-forces;

(b) if so, what was his assessment of the situation as projected by him to Indian counterparts; and

(c) what is Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs visited India as well as Pakistan recently. During his visit to India there was an exchange of views on various matters of mutual interest, including the Afghan situation.

(b) In regard to Afghanistan, the Secretary of State reiterated the British view regarding the establishment of a representative Government that can command the widest possible acceptance in Afghanistan and that it is for the Afghans themselves to resolve their differences.

(c) Government reiterated India's well known position in this regard.

Admission of Students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

843. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) what is the number of such Vidyalayas in New Delhi;

(c) what is the time when admission for new academic session opens;

(d) whether the Members of Parliament are proposed to be given certain quota for recommending admission of the wards of poor section of the society; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such quotas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY

OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A statement is attached. (See below)

(b) There are 30 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi.

(c) Admissions to Class I are made in the first week of May and for Class II and above in the first week of July every year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has, with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, laid down the following priorities for admission:

1. *Kendriya Vidyalayas in Defence & Civil Sectors*

(i) Children of transferable Central Government employees including Defence Personnel, CRPF/BSF/SPG|CISF/NSG employees of All India Services and Indian Foreign Services, Children and dependent grand-Children of MPs Children of KVS employees and children of transferable Central Government employees including Defence Personnel who die in harness.

(ii) Children of transferable employees of autonomous bodies and Public Sector Undertakings fully financed by Central Government.

(iii) Children of non-transferable Central Government|Central Public Sector Undertaking employees.

(iv) Children of other floating population which includes population desirous of joining the pattern of studies adopted in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(2&3) *Kendriya Vidyalayas in institutions of Higher Learning and Public Sector Undertakings*

(i) Children of the employees of the Institutions of Higher Learning| Public Sector Undertaking which is meeting all the recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the Vidyalaya building and equipment and staff and children of the employees of the concerned Kendriya Vidyalaya.

(ii) Children of transferable Central Government employees including Defence|CRPF|BSF|BRTF|SPG|CISF/NSG Personnel and employees of All India Services and the Indian Foreign Service.

(iii) Children of transferable employees of other autonomous bodies and Public Sector Undertakings fully financed by Central Govt.

(iv) Children of Non-transferable Central Government|Central Public Sector Undertakings employees including Defnece|CRPF/BSF Personnel.

(v) Children of other floating population which includes civilian population desirous of joining the pattern of studies adopted in the Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Children

15 per cent & 7-1/2 per cent of the fresh admissions in every Kendriya Vidyalaya will be reserved for the children of transferable employees belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes, respectively.

Project for construction of the Mejia Road-cum-Bridge over the River

844. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any project for construction of Mejia Road-cum-Bridge over the River Damodar to connect Bankura and Raniganj Coal Mines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposal is pending with Government for the last many years;